

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

CLASS-XI

One Paper

3 Hours

100 Marks

Section	Unit	Marks
A	I) Prose	25
B	II) Poetry	25
C	III) Composition	30
D	IV) Comprehension	2x5=10
E	V) Grammar	1x6=6 (VSA) (1x4)=4 (MCQ)

SECTION - A

Unit-I :

PROSE

Marks 25

Selected pieces :

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (i) The Lesson of History | - J.L. Nehru |
| (ii) Three Questions | - Leo N. Tolstoy |
| (iii) Student Mobs | - J.B. Priestly |
| (iv) The Scientific Point of View | - J.B.S. Haldane |
| (v) Drought | - Sarat Chandra Chatterjee |

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 - e) Three VSA Type Questions of 1 mark each on the lessons in one sentence each : 1x3=3

SECTION-B

Unit-II :

POETRY

Marks 25

Selected pieces :

(i) Remembrance	- W. Shakespeare
(ii) A Hymn to God the Father	- John Donne
(iii) The Quiet Life	- A. Pope
(iv) The Human Seasons	- John Keats
(v) Lead, Kindly Light	- Cardinal Newman
(vi) The Brook	- Lord Tennyson
(vii) Design	- Robert Frost
(viii) Silent Steps	- Rabindranath Tagore
(ix) The Patriot	- Robert Browning

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SECTION - C

Unit-III :

COMPOSITION

Marks 30

I) Essay	8
II) Letter Writing (Official/Business/Invitation)	8
III) Creative Writing	4
IV) Diary Entry/Notice/Personal Invitation	4
V) Note Making & Summarising	3+3=6

SECTION - D

Unit-IV :

COMPREHENSION

Marks 10

- I. Unseen Passage (factual/descriptive/discursive) etc. 2x5=10

SECTION - E

Unit-V :

GRAMMAR

Marks 10

- I. Ordering of Sentence/Voice/Speech/Correction/Transformation/
Clause/Phrasal Verb/Modal Verb, etc. etc. 1x6=6
- II. MCQ Type Questions 1x4=4

PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS :

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DESIGN OF QUESTION PAPER

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WEIGHTAGE TO OBJECTIVE :						
I	Objectives			Marks	Percentage	
	Knowledge (K)			20	20	
	Comprehension/Understanding (C/U)			50	50	
	Expression (Exp)			30	30	
Total			100	100		
WEIGHTAGE TO FORMS OF QUESTIONS:						
II	Form of questions		No. of question	Time (in minutes)	Marks	
	Essay/Long Answer (E/LA)		05	75	27	
	Short Answer (SA-I)		02	15	08	
	Short Answer (SA-II)		05	25	15	
	Short Answer (SA-III)		15	40	30	
	Very Short Answer (VSA)		08	10	08	
	MCQ		12	15	12	
	Total:		47	180	100	
WEIGHTAGE TO CONTENT:						
CONTENTS / UNIT					Marks	Percentage
A	Reading	I	Unseen Passage (Comprehension) 10(5) + 2(2) VSA	12	15	
		II	Unseen Passage (Case Based Factual) 3(1)	03		
B	Writing & Grammar	I	Advertisement/Message/Poster	04	35	
		II	News Report/Magazine Report	05		
		III	Amplification/Symposium	04		
		IV	Letter Writing- Personal/Official	05		
		V	Essay/Debate/Speech Writing	07		
		VI	Functional Grammar 8(8) MCQ + 2(2) VSA	10		
C	Text	I	Prose 5(1)+6(2)+10(5)+2(2)VSA+2(2) MCQ	25	50	
		II	Poetry 5(1)+6(2)+10(5)+2(2)VSA+2(2) MCQ	25		
TOTAL				100	100	
IV	SCHEME OF SECTIONS : A, B and C					
V	SCHEME OF OPTIONS : Internal option in LA,SA-I, SA-II & SA-III (Prose & Poetry – 5 Questions out of 6 questions)					
VI	DIFFICULTY LEVEL :					
	Difficult	:	30% of the total marks			
	Average	:	50% of the total marks			
	Easy	:	20% of the total marks			

Special Instruction: 1) Two questions of MCQ will be of assertion-reason type questions.
2) One question of SA-I will be source based question which is in the non-optional category

Abbreviation : K(Knowledge), U(Understanding), C(Comprehension), Exp.(Expression), E(Essay Type), SA (Short Answer Type), VSA (Very Short Answer Type), MCQ(Multiple Choice Question)

DETAILS

Subject : ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Class : XI

Unit	No. of Questions	Forms of Questions	Marks
I. Reading	1	SA – II	3
	5	SA -III	10
	2	VSA	2
<i>Total = 15</i>			
II. Writing & Grammar	3	LA	17
	2	SA-I	8
	2	VSA	2
	8	MCQ	8
<i>Total = 35</i>			
III. Literature			
a) Prose	1	LA	5
	2	SA - II	6
	5	SA - III	10
	2	VSA	2
	2	MCQ	2
b) Poetry	1	LA	5
	2	SA - II	6
	5	SA - III	10
	2	VSA	2
	2	MCQ	2
<i>Total Marks = 50</i>			
Total no. of Questions	47	<i>Grand Total = 100</i>	

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

CLASS-XII

One Paper

3 Hours

100 Marks

Section	Unit	Marks
A	I) Prose	25
B	II) Poetry	25
C	III) Composition	30
D	IV) Comprehension	2x5=10
E	V) Grammar	1x6=6 (VSA) (1x4)=4 (MCQ)

SECTION - A

Unit-I :

PROSE

Marks 25

Selected pieces :

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) The Last Leaf | - O. Henry |
| (ii) The Wolves of Cemogratz | - Saki |
| (iii) The Dying Detective | - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle |
| (iv) The Malefactor | - Anton Chekhov |
| (v) The Sixth Century Before Christ and Religion | - J.L. Nehru |

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SECTION-B

Unit-II :

POETRY

Marks 25

Selected pieces :

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| (i) Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind | - W. Shakespeare |
| (ii) To the Rose | - Robert Herrick |
| (iii) Patriotism | - Sir Walter Scott |
| (iv) On His Blindness | - John Milton |
| (v) The Mountain Echo | - W. Wordsworth |

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|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (vi) The Second Coming | - W.B. Yeats |
| (vii) The Man he killed | - Thomas Hardy |
| (viii) A Wind Flashes the Grass | - Ted Hughes |
| (ix) A saw in Louisiana a Live Oak growing | - Walt Whitman |

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SECTION - C

Unit-III :	COMPOSITION	Marks 30
I) Essay		8
II) Letter Writing (Official/Business/Invitation)		8
III) Creative Writing		4
IV) Diary Entry/Notice/Personal Invitation		4
V) Note Making & Summarising		3+3=6

SECTION - D

Unit-IV :	COMPREHENSION	Marks 10
I. Unseen Passage (factual/descriptive/discursive) etc.		2x5=10

SECTION - E

Unit-V :	GRAMMAR	Marks 10
I. Ordering of Sentence/Voice/Speech/Correction/Transformation/ Clause/Phrasal Verb/Modal Verb, etc. etc.		1x6=6
II. MCQ Type Questions		1x4=4

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FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25

DESIGN OF QUESTION PAPER

Subject : ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH
Class : XII
Full Mark : 100
Time : 3 Hours

WEIGHTAGE TO OBJECTIVES					
I	Objectives			Marks	Percentage
	Knowledge (K)			20	20
	Comprehension(C)			50	50
	Expression (Exp)			30	30
	Total :			100	100
WEIGHTAGE TO FORM OF QUESTIONS:					
II	Form of Questions	No. of Question	Time (in minute)	Marks	Percentage
	Essay/Long Answer (E/LA)	4	54	32	32
	Short Answer (SA-I)	4	32	16	16
	Short Answer (SA-II)	4	24	12	12
	Short Answer (SA-III)	9	28	18	18
	Very Short Answer (VSA)	15	30	15	15
	MCQ	7	12	7	7
	Total:	43	180	100	100
WEIGHTAGE TO CONTENT:					
III	UNIT/CONTENTS			Marks	Percentage
	A	PROSE 8(1) + 4(1) + 3(1) + 4(2) + 4(4) + 2 (2) MCQ		25	25
	B	POETRY 8(1) + 4(1) + 3(1) + 4(2) + 4(4) + 2(2) MCQ		25	25
	C	READING Unseen Passage- Discursive/Factual or Literary 10(5)		10	10
	D	WRITING Essay/Letter/Creative writing /Message/notice/invitation - 16(2), 8(2). Note Making + Summarising - 6(2)		30	30
	E	FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR VSA 7(7) + (MCQ 3 nos.) 3(3)		10	10
Total :			100	100	
IV	SCHEME OF SECTIONS : A, B, C, D & E				
V	SCHEME OF OPTIONS : LA & SA-I (Prose & Poetry, Creative Writing, Message/notice/invitation)				
VI	DIFFICULTY LEVEL : Difficult : 30% Average : 50% Easy : 20%				

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FROM THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2025-26

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